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by **Mounir Kilani**

Between American purchases and often faulty equipment, Europe is rearming… but remains dependent. An ironic overview of the failures and absurdities of European defense.

We are sold "European sovereignty" with a great deal of solemn speeches and triumphant communiqués. Meanwhile, on the ground, the facts paint a different, more bittersweet reality, where farce vies with tragedy. Let's leaf through this catalog of failing weapons systems, where each country offers its own amusing anecdote.

Belgium: The F-35s, or the intoxication of skyless peaks

On October 13, 2025, a ceremony took place in Florennes: three Belgian F-35s, flagships of American technology, landed to applause. The fourth, more reserved, remained grounded in the Azores, the victim of "unplanned maintenance." An almost too perfect symbol. For the modest sum of 5,6 billion euros, Belgium acquired 34 of these "Ferraris of the skies." The

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catch? Its airspace is too small to train its pilots there. An additional fee will therefore be charged to send them to train… in Italy. Buying planes without having any airspace to fly them in: the elegance of dependency.

Switzerland: Drones hesitant to venture into the Alps

The neutral Swiss Confederation, too, succumbed to the allure of Atlanticism. For 250 million Swiss francs, it acquired six Israeli Hermes 900 drones in 2015. The problem: these sophisticated machines refuse to fly as soon as the temperature dips near freezing. After ten years of deliberation, the summer of 2025 is expected to mark the complete abandonment of the program. Kafkaesque neutrality looms over the glaciers: armed neutrality transforms into paralyzed neutrality.

Germany: The Puma, a workhorse… is forced into early retirement

The Puma, a supposedly indestructible armored vehicle, is participating in a live-fire exercise. Eighteen vehicles are involved; eighteen experience malfunctions – engines, electronics, turret. Unsurprisingly, the Bundeswehr is bringing out its old Marders, models dating back to 1970. Has German robustness become a myth?

United Kingdom: Ajax, deaf and slow

The Ajax program is a marvel of efficiency… in its absurdity. Cost: £6,3 billion. Its vibrations are so violent that 330 soldiers have lost their hearing, five of whom have even been discharged. During trials, its speed was limited to 30 km/h. Delivery postponed to 2029. A technological marvel, without a doubt.

Norway: Submarines… without torpedoes

Norway has ordered six U212 CD submarines for €5,5 billion. The first delivery is scheduled for 2029. In the meantime? No compatible heavy torpedoes will be available before 2032. The aging Ula submarines, dating from 1989, will provide only the bare minimum of service. It's like ordering a bespoke suit without specifying buttons.

The East is not to be outdone: the Atlantic club is expanding

And since transatlantic solidarity knows no borders, Eastern Europe happily joins the party of disappointments: Poland with its Leopard 2A8s that are three years behind schedule, Romania with its "urgent" Patriot delivered in 2027, Bulgaria with its F-16 grounded for six months. Proof that the East, too, knows how to pay the Atlanticist bill with elegance.

Shadow theatre

Belgian Defense Minister Theo Francken brandished the threat from Moscow: "If Brussels is hit, NATO will raze Moscow." Medvedev's response was a laconic: "Idiot." Meanwhile, in Europe, assembly lines were running at a snail's pace, as if the war had been put on hold... or as if absurdity ruled the factories.

The SIPRI 2025 figures speak for themselves: between 2020 and 2024, 64% of arms imported by Europe came from the United States, representing a 105% increase in five years. Europe is financing the transatlantic arms industry… and paying a heavy price for equipment that is often faulty.

In doing so, Europe is widening its strategic trade deficit while weakening its own industrial base.

A paradoxical conclusion

We're told about the "European industrial base," about "strategic sovereignty"... but the scenario remains unchanged: we buy American, we pay top dollar, we wait for deliveries, and we brandish the threat from the East when everything falls apart. So, the big question is: when will we restart our own factories? The answer? Perhaps soon... if everything goes according to plan. Which, alas, is rarely the case.

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The situation is reminiscent of this quote from Clemenceau:*War is too serious a matter to be left to the military.*Today, entrusting European defense solely to American suppliers is the same risky gamble: we pay a lot, we wait for deliveries, and we hope that everything will work... a bit like the absurd has taken command.

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neutrino Il y a 23 hours

This EU is the whore of the USA, all corrupt to gorge themselves on the backs of European taxpayers, besides we can see when we see this team of cripples snorting lines of cocaine on the train that takes them to Ukraine, no need to add anything more.

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Answer neutrino

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I don't believe the EU is the US's whore, because a whore gets paid and doesn't pay for her services.

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Answer Gallic

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Well no, a prostitute can be taken by her Pimp without being paid, on the contrary, she brings him her earnings and keeps the crumbs, that's the case in Europe, don't you agree?

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"Theo Francken, the Belgian Minister of Defence, brandishes the threat from Moscow:"

"If Brussels is hit, NATO will raze Moscow."

I laughed for at least 30 seconds! And that's a long time!

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Hubert Halles Il y a 22 hours

The worst offenders, possibly, are the Poles: the EU showers them with financial support, and they buy all their weapons from the USA; what ingratitude! Between the malfunctioning F-35s, the obsolete Patriots, and other junk, they show just how European they are, these nostalgics for the Empire of the Two Seas!

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Answer Hubert Halles

Bah! ALL OF EUROPE buys (shit) from the US... so what about the Poles, more or less...

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riverdance2.0 (https://en.reseauinternational.net/author/riverdance2-0/) Il y a 21 hours

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It's obvious that currently, buying American doesn't offer much hope, it's flying off the handlebars... I mean, damn it!

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Russian Roulette (https://en.reseauinternational.net/author/russian-roulette/)

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Billions of taxpayer money thrown away, rather than invested in truly devastating weapons, that's fine by me!

Ruin might just save us from nuclear holocaust... 🙂

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Answer Russian Roulette

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Good point, because the Russians won't spend nuclear warheads to get rid of cardboard puppets.

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Alexander95 Il y a 19 hours

Strange, because the USA knows very well how to steal.

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jackies Il y a 16 hours

Europe is relying on American technology to bolster its defense, but this dependence raises concerns. While the aircraft may soar high, European strategic autonomy remains grounded. It is time to invest more in local innovation to guarantee technological sovereignty and truly independent security.

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An excellent, scathing anthology of Europe's inability to extricate itself from the Atlanticist arse, a morbid music of what Euro-Zionist Europe has become: a den of incurable lunatics!

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The German Marder and Leopard 2A8, the American Abrams and M113, the British Challenger and many others rest in peace in the steppes of Donbass waiting to be recovered by Russian scrap dealers to make monuments to the glory of those who destroyed them.
Many other captured individuals are on display in Moscow:

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HIKBOO Il y a 12 hours

There's enough to fill hundreds of hectares, but what's the point? To free up rural space, you might as well cleverly weld hundreds of rusted carcasses high atop a peak so they can be seen hundreds of kilometers away and in space as a monument to human stupidity, especially Atlanticist stupidity. A kind of Russian Eiffel Tower for global use!

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Vladp Il y a 11 hours

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Or plant them in the ground like pink convertible Cadillacs.

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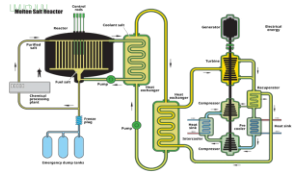

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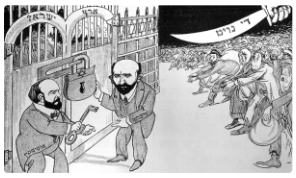

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